

2025 Annual Report



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am deeply grateful and proud of the staff, stakeholders and supporters of the NHSRC as I reflect on our journey in 2025. This is a year of courageous first steps, meaningful partnerships, and renewed commitment to every Filipino child's right to hear and be heard.

For the very first time, the NHSRC proudly participated as a sponsor in the annual conventions of the Philippine Pediatric Society, the Philippine Association of Speech Language Pathologists, and the Newborn Screening Society of the Philippines, as well as in webinars of the University of the Philippines College of Medicine. These engagements signify more than visibility, they represent our growing integration into the larger community of child health advocates. Through these collaborations, we strengthened our shared mission of early detection, confirmatory testing, and timely intervention for hearing disorders.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

(cont.)

Another historic achievement this year was receiving, for the first time, an external grant from the Department of Health under the “Procurement of Services for the Conduct of Multifaceted Public Health Research Initiatives and Activities,” awarded to the National Institutes of Health. We also continue to support the Kalinga (Mother and Child Digital Book) app which has funding from the DOST, ensuring that families are empowered with accessible wholistic health information. These projects affirm the NHSRC’s role in advancing public health research and policy grounded in evidence and service.

There are, however, flagship initiatives such as the ENNHSR mobile, telespeech services, Philhealth coverage of cochlear implants, quality control, compliance and incentives programs that are still in development. We remain steadfast and rest assured, foundations are being laid thoughtfully and responsibly as we welcome coordinators for Speech Therapy and ENT surgeons, forge sustainable agreements with the Philippine National Ear Institute and the National Telehealth Center in 2026. In every success and every delay, we remain committed to provide newborn infants in the Philippines equal access to comprehensive newborn hearing services as mandated by law



Rosario R. Ricalde, MD

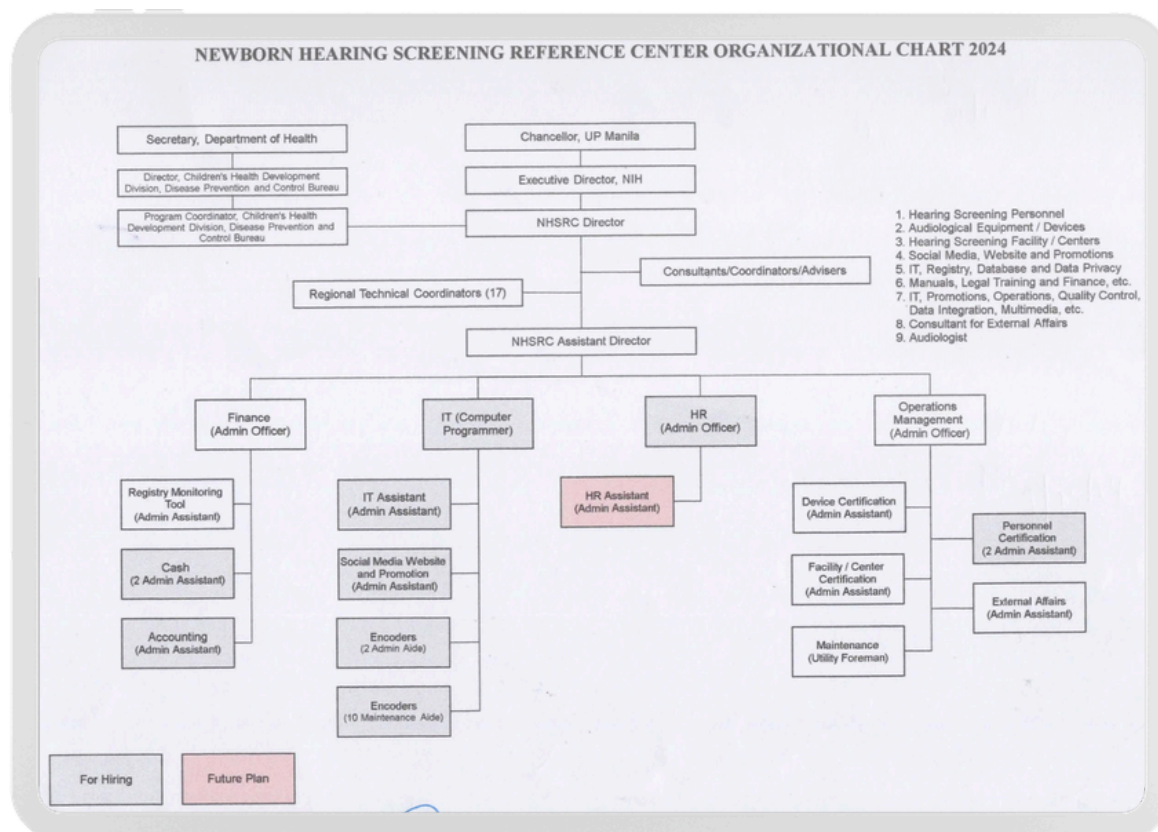
MANDATE

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The Newborn Hearing Screening Reference Center – National Institutes of Health (NSHRC-NIH) as the technical arm of the Department of Health shall assist on the following:

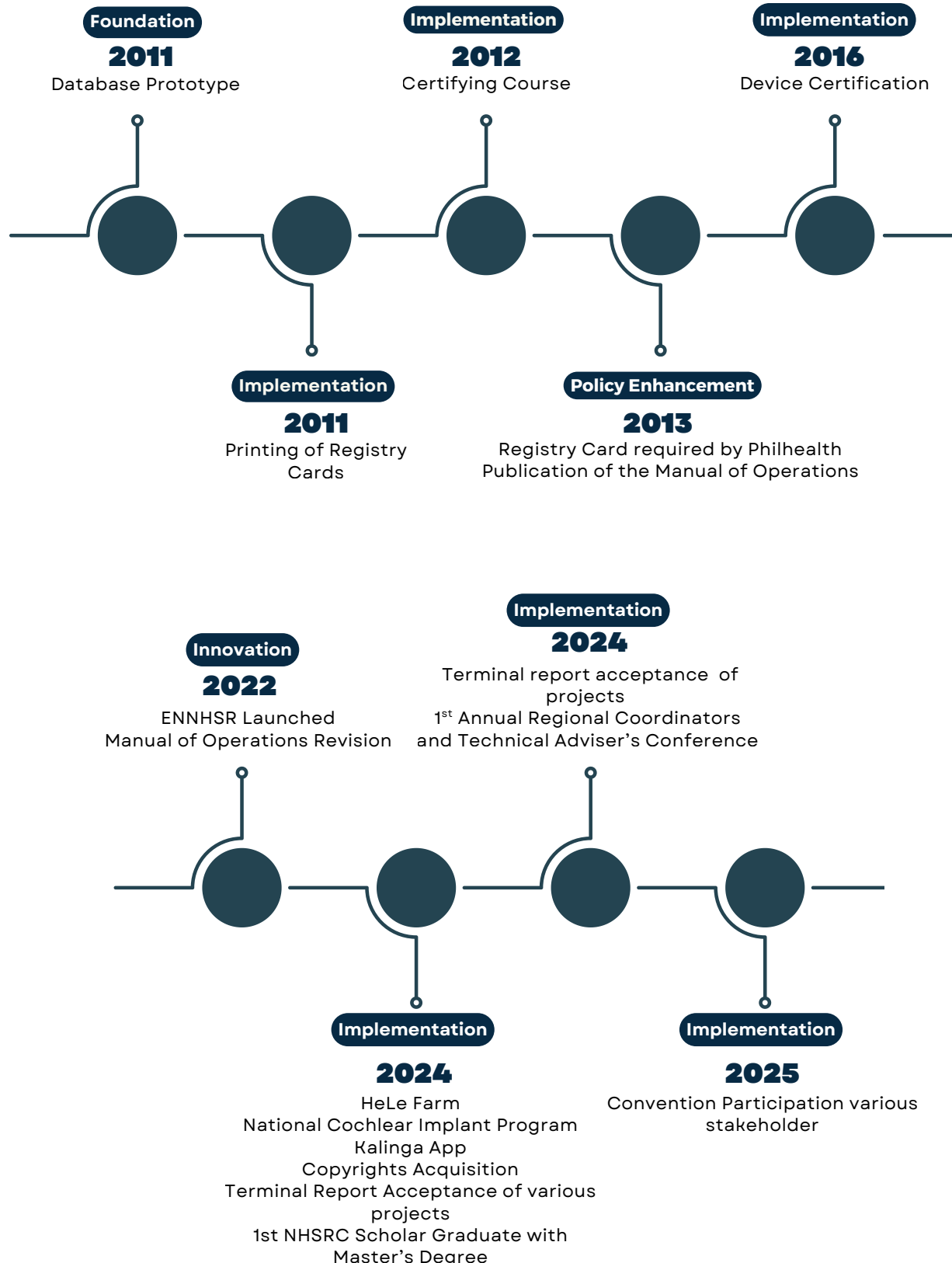
1. Defines and recommends newborn hearing screening testing and follow-up protocols which includes hearing screening methods, devices used, location, manner, and timing of newborn hearing testing.
2. Conducts personnel certifying courses together with the DOH.
3. Conducts testing and certification of newborn hearing screening devices and methods with the DOH.
4. Distributes newborn hearing screening registry cards and levies fees as approved by the DOH.
5. Distributes advisory and advocacy materials in coordination with DOH.
6. Maintains and oversees the national hearing screening database and case registries.
7. Assists government and non-government agencies in all aspects of the program including implementation, training, awareness campaigns including overseeing the content of educational and other instructional materials

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The updated Organization Chart of the Newborn Hearing Screening Reference Center as of December 31, 2025

MAJOR MILESTONES



ACCREDITATION OF NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING CENTERS

As of December 2025, there are 1254 accredited hearing screening centers nationwide. An increase of 3% has been identified. *Figure 1 shows the distribution of these accredited centers per region.* Table 1 shows the number of accredited centers per region.

1195

2023 Centers

1217

2024 Centers

1254

2025 Centers

Figure 1

Category	2024 Centers	2025 Centers
A	1198	1249
B	9	4
C	2	0
D	8	1

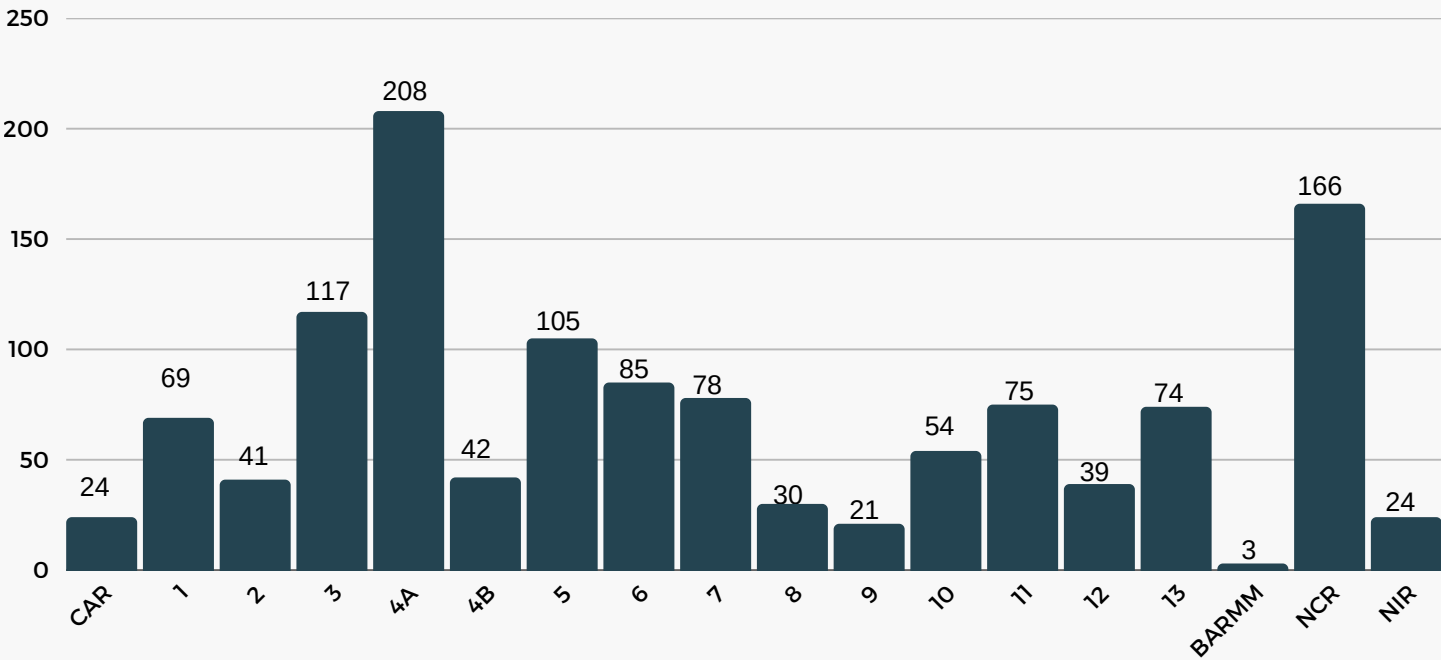


Table 1

ACCREDITATION OF NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING CENTERS

Below is the distribution of facilities based on Category Certification.

CATEGORY A CENTERS



ACCREDITATION OF NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING CENTERS

Below is the distribution of facilities based on Category Certification.

CATEGORY B CENTERS

Asian Hospital and Medical Center
2205 Civic Drive, Filinvest City, Alabang,
Muntinlupa City
NCR

Makati Medical Center
2 Amorsolo street Makati City
NCR

Bicol Medical Center
J. Miranda Ave, Concepcion, Naga City
Region 5

Western Visayas Medical Center
Q. Abeto St, Mandurriao, Iloilo City
Region 6

CATEGORY D CENTER

Ear Diagnostics, Inc.
Dra. Rizalina V. Bernardo Avenue,
Diversion Road, Brgy. San Rafael
Mandurriao, Iloilo City
Region 6

ACCREDITATION OF NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING CENTERS

Below is the total number of newborn hearing screening centers (Table 2) and certified managers and screeners (Table 3) from 2014 to December 2025.

NUMBER OF CENTERS

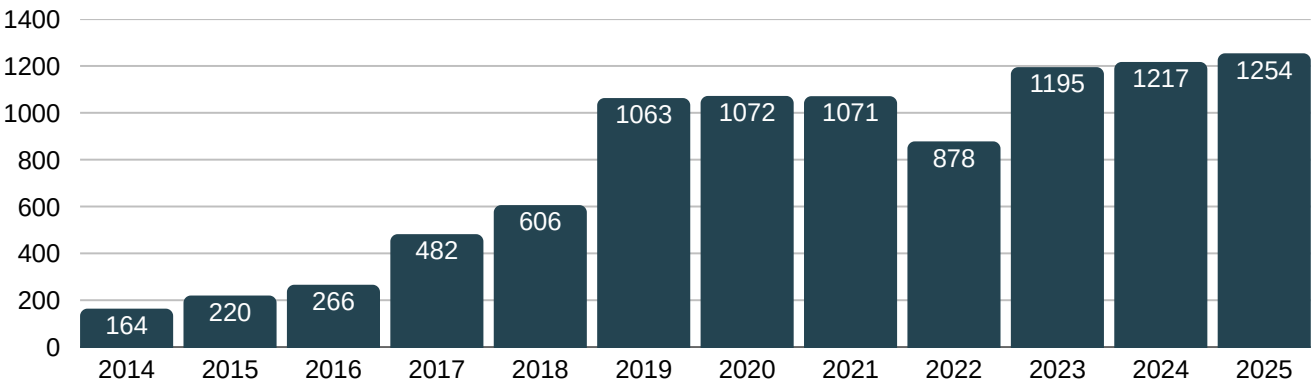


Table 2

CERTIFIED MANAGERS AND SCREENERS

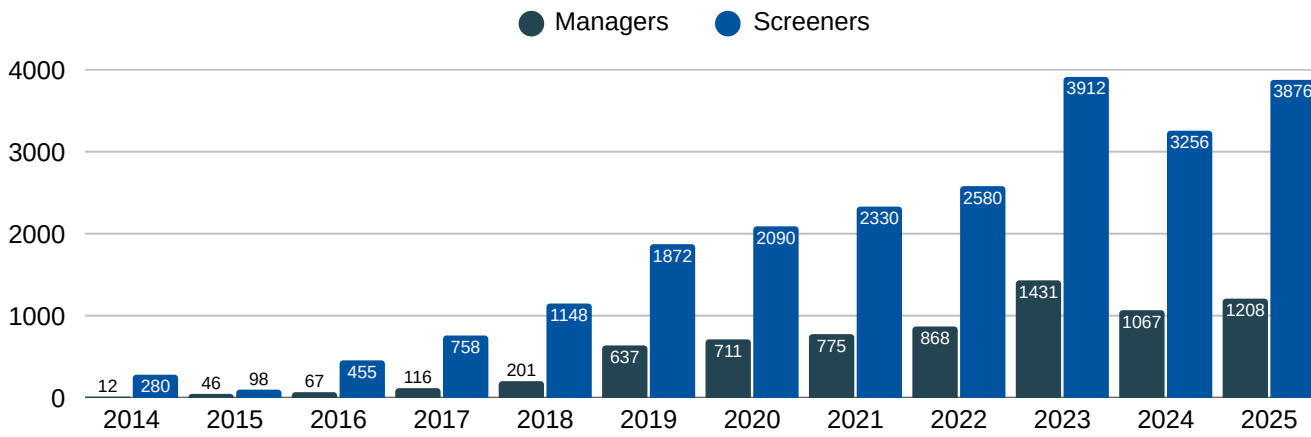


Table 3

ACCREDITATION OF NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING CENTERS

Below is the total number of newborn hearing screening centers from 2014 to December 2025 per category.

CERTIFIED CATEGORY A CENTERS

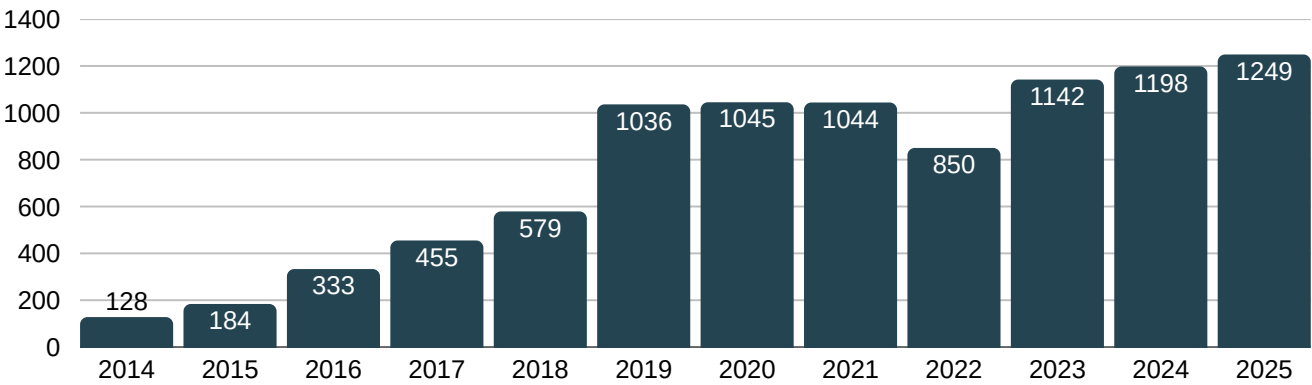


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CERTIFIED CATEGORY B CENTERS

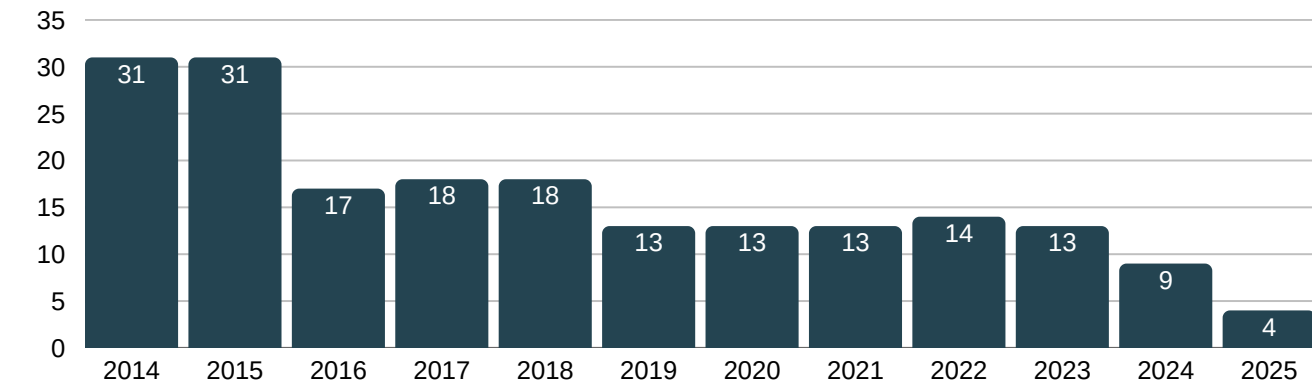


Table 5

CERTIFIED CATEGORY C CENTERS

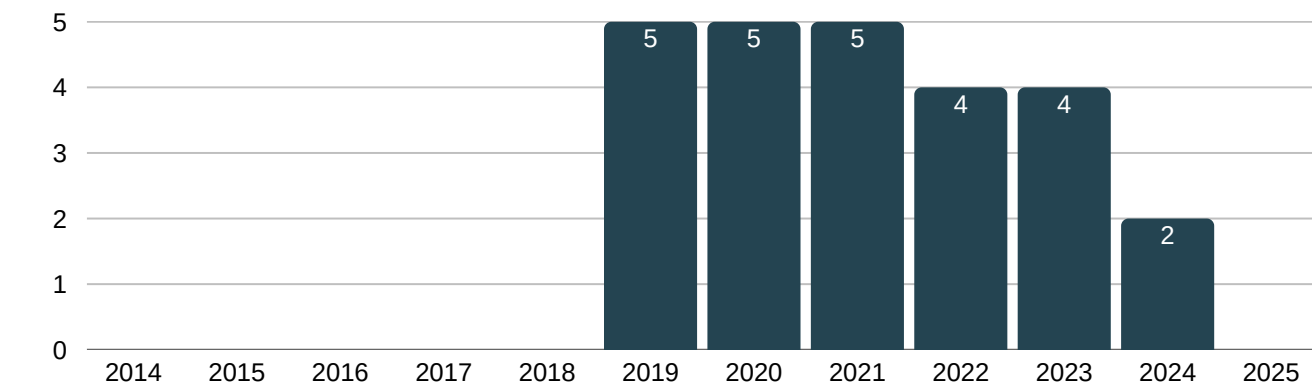


Table 6

ACCREDITATION OF NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING CENTERS

Below is the total number of newborn hearing screening centers from 2014 to December 2025 per category.

CERTIFIED CATEGORY D CENTERS

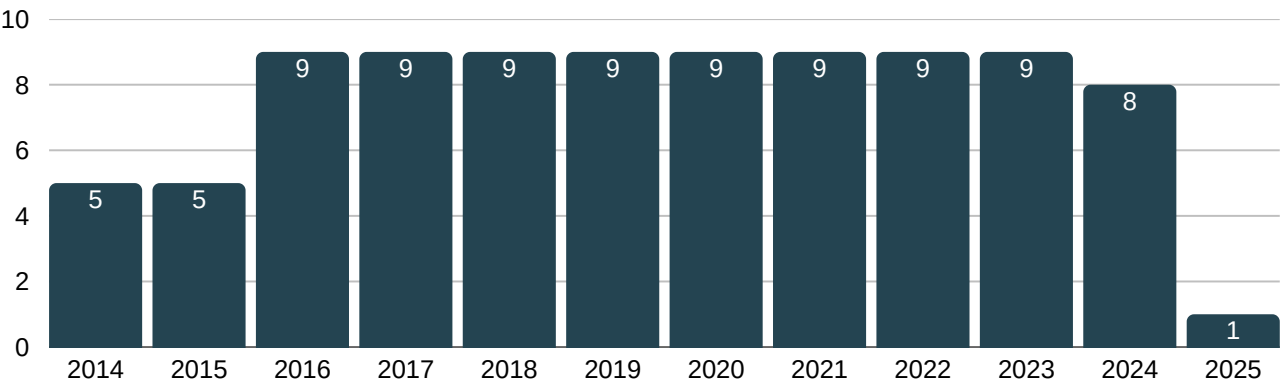


Table 7

THE EVOLUTION OF NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING: TRENDS IN DATA MANAGEMENT AND REGISTRY MONITORING TOOL (2014-2025)

Year	Total # Screened	Registry Monitoring Tool Distributed	% Encoded	Registry / Method
2014	2,470	7,280	33.93%	Hii
2015	6,431	99,794	6.44%	Hii
2016	12,641	62,383	20.26%	Hii
2017	40,520	144,445	28.05%	Hii
2018	57,508	72,621	79.19%	Hii and MS Excel
2019	141,194	333,040	42.40%	Hii and MS Excel
2020	112,389	739,200	15.20%	MS Excel
2021	158,317	554,660	28.54%	MS Excel
2022	120,699	111,480	108.27%	ENNHSR
2023	524,042	727,740	64.09%	ENNHSR
2024	637,067	755,160	84.36%	ENNHSR
2025	677,891	806,700	89.77%	ENNHSR

Table 8. Difference of Total Babies Screened versus Total Number of Registry Monitoring Tool distributed to the facilities. Encoding of data is at average of 49.37% from 2014 to 2025.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF HEARING SCREENING PERSONNEL

In 2025, thirty three (33) Certifying Courses were conducted. Twelve (12) courses were conducted online using a 3rd Party Service Provider, Canvas and Five (5) Face-to-face certifying courses were conducted at Room 402, New Gold Bond Marketing Corp. Bldg., F. Benitez St., Ermita, Manila. Eight (8) face-to-face courses were conducted in various regions such as Cebu and Iloilo (Tables 9 to 13). This marks the year of the 2025 DOH Multifaceted course and with 1 special course with the PNEI Interns.

924

*2023 Certified
Personnel*

483

*2024 Certified
Personnel*

979

*2025 Certified
Personnel*

2025 ONLINE CERTIFYING COURSE AND ORIENTATION & UPDATES TO RA 9709

Month	Type of Course	No. of Registrants	Total No. of Registrants	No. of Participants	No. of Participants	No. of Certified Personnel
January 2-31, 2025	Certifying Course	27	30	27	30	17
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	3		3		3
February 3-28, 2025	Certifying Course	22	32	22	32	18
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	10		10		10
March 3-31, 2025	Certifying Course	30	41	30	41	22
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	11		11		10
April 2-30, 2025	Certifying Course	11	32	11	32	18
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	2		2		2
May 2-30, 2025	Certifying Course	32	36	32	36	24
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	4		4		4
June 2-30, 2025	Certifying Course	30	32	30	32	20
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	2		2		17
July 1-31, 2025	Certifying Course	23	23	2	23	1
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	0		0		0
August 1-29, 2025	Certifying Course	19	19	19	19	17
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	0		0		0
September 1-30, 2025	Certifying Course	12	16	12	16	10
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	4		4		4
October 1-30, 2025	Certifying Course	24	29	5	29	5
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	5		5		5
November 3-28, 2025	Certifying Course	23	24	23	24	18
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	1		1		1
December 1-26, 2025	Certifying Course	22	26	22	26	20
	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	4		4		1

Table 9. List of Course Breakdown based on Learning Set-up and Initiatives.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF HEARING SCREENING PERSONNEL

2025 LIMITED F2F CERTIFYING COURSE AND ORIENTATION & UPDATES TO RA 9709

Month	Type of Course	No. of Registrants	Total No. of Registrants	No. of Participants	No. of Participants	No. of Certified Personnel	Total No. of Certified Personnel
March 19, 2025	Certifying Course	10	11	10	11	9	10
	Orientation and Updates	1		1		1	
July 16, 2025	Certifying Course	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Orientation and Updates	0		0		0	
August 13, 2025	Certifying Course	8	10	8	10	8	10
	Orientation and Updates	2		2		2	
September 10, 2025	Certifying Course	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Orientation and Updates	0		0		0	
October 15, 2025	Certifying Course	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Orientation and Updates	0		0		0	

2025 REGIONAL COURSES

Region	Venue	Date	Type of Course	No. of Registrants	No. Participants	No. of Certified Personnel
I	San Fernando, La Union	Feb 13, 2025	Certifying Course	19	19	19
III	Mariveles, Bataan	Apr 28, 2025	Certifying Course	20	18	16
VI	Punta Villa Resort, Iloilo	Jun 11, 2025	Certifying Course	30	27	27
VII	Sarrosa International Hotel and Residential Suites, Cebu	Jun 25, 2025	Certifying Course	20	20	20
IVA	The Tribute Hotel, Quezon City	July 29-30, 2025 (CALABARZON)	Certifying Course	43	39	39
VI	Punta Villa Resort, Iloilo City	August 19-20, 2025	Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	53	47	47
V	Naga City, Camarines Sur	Aug 28, 2025	Certifying Course and Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	61	60	60
XIII	Butuan City	September 17-18, 2025	Certifying Course and Orientation and Updates to RA 9709	29	28	27

SPECIAL COURSE

Month	Type of Course	Total No. of Registrants	No. of Participants	Total No. of Certified Personnel
PNEI Interns	Certifying Course	6	6	5

Table 10 - 12. List of Course Breakdown based on Learning Set-up and Initiatives.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF HEARING SCREENING PERSONNEL

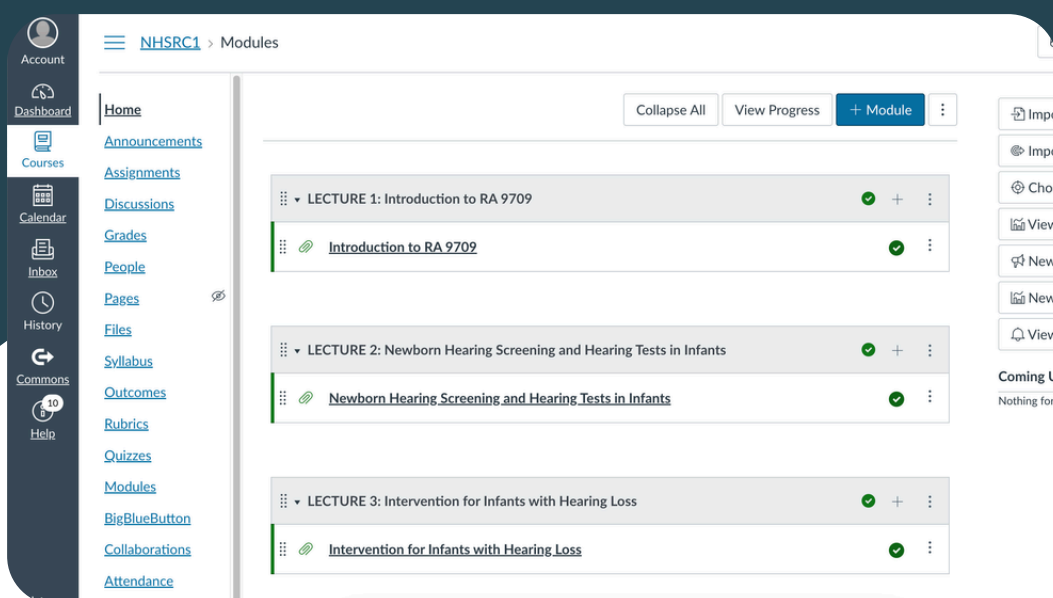
2025 DOH MULTIFACETED COURSE

Region	Venue	Date	Association/Target Participants	Type of Course	No. of Registrants	No. of Participants	No. of Certified Personnel
NCR	6th Flr., Henry Sy Bldg., Pedro Gil St., Ermita, Manila	March 8, 2025 (1pm-5pm)	Association of Clinical Audiologist (ACAP)	Orientation and Updates to RA9709	29	21	21
NCR	Conrad Manila, Pasay City	April 6, 2025 (8am-12nn)	Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS)	Orientation and Updates to RA9709	109	106	106
NCR	6th Flr., Henry Sy Bldg., Pedro Gil St., Ermita, Manila	May 24, 2025 (1pm-5pm)	PANORS, PAAUD	Orientation and Updates to RA9709	39	34	33
NCR	CANVAS Platform	May 2-30	PANORS, PAAUD	Orientation and Updates to RA9709	35	35	19
NCR	CANVAS Platform	June 2-30	PANORS, PAAUD, ACAP, PPS, PASP	Orientation and Updates to RA9709	40	40	19
NCR	The Bellevue Manila, Alabang	July 14 (3pm-7pm)	PASP	Orientation and Updates to RA9709	58	51	51
NCR	6th Flr., Henry Sy Bldg., Pedro Gil St., Ermita, Manila	November 13, 2025 (8am to 6:30pm)	All roles	Newborn Hearing Screening Personnel Certification Course and Orientation&Updates to RA9709	103	81	80
NCR	Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center	November 21, 2025 (7:30am to 6:30pm)	All roles	Newborn Hearing Screening Personnel Certification Course and Orientation&Updates to RA9709	100	86	81

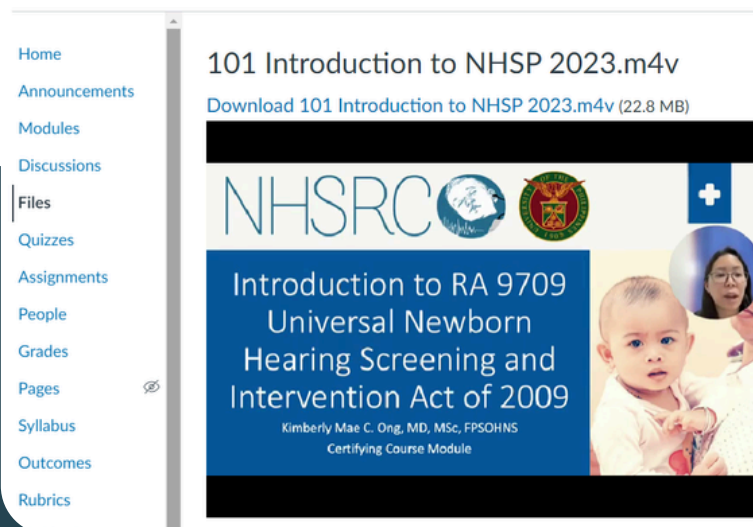
Table 13. List of Course Breakdown based on Learning Set-up and Initiatives.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF HEARING SCREENING PERSONNEL

Images below show the dashboard of the Newborn Hearing Screening Course using the Canvas/Infrastructure Platform.



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TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF HEARING SCREENING PERSONNEL

The images below are the photos taken during the monthly face-to-face certification training at the NHSRC Main Office at Room 402, New Gold Bond Marketing Corp. Bldg., F. Benitez St., Ermita, Manila, last March 19, 2025.



TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF HEARING SCREENING PERSONNEL

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TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF HEARING SCREENING PERSONNEL

Images below were taken during the face-to-face orientation and updates for the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program at Punta Villa Resort, Arevalo, Iloilo City, held last August 19-20, 2025.



TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF HEARING SCREENING PERSONNEL

Images below were taken during the face-to-face orientation and updates for the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program at Punta Villa Resort, Arevalo, Iloilo City, held last August 19-20, 2025.



SUMMARY OF DATA FROM THE NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING REGISTRY

Certified facilities submitted their reports through the ENNHSR. Table 14 shows the number of babies screened per region, respectively.

An increase of 677,891 babies were screened as compared to 2024's 637,067.

The National Capital Region records the highest number of babies screened with 144,970, BARMM with the lowest number of babies screened with 2,798. The national average is at 40,244 babies screened.

From 2014 to December 31, 2025, the total babies screened is 2,491,169.

2,491,169

Total Babies Screened since 2014

524,042

2023 Babies Screened

637,067

2024 Babies Screened

677,891

2025 Babies Screened

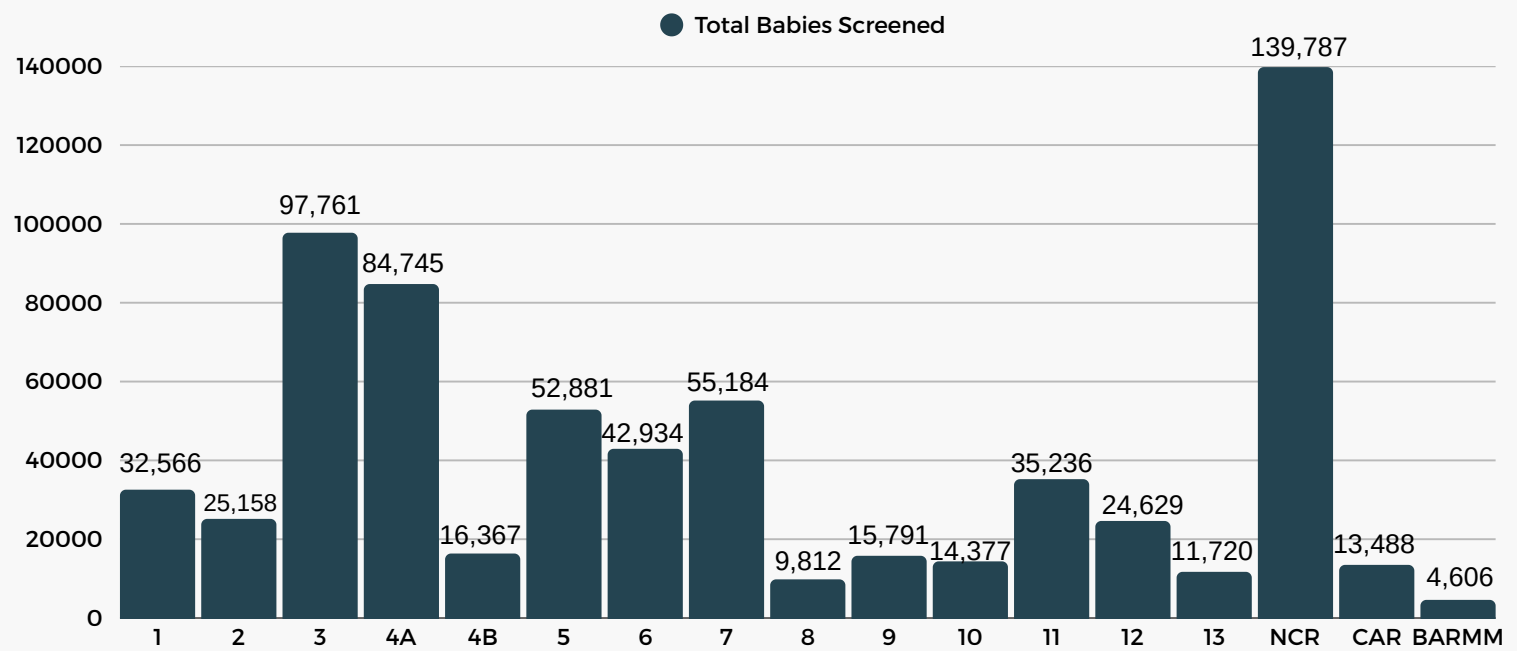


Table 14

SUMMARY OF DATA FROM THE NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING REGISTRY

Certified facilities submitted their reports through the ENNHSR. Table 15 show the distribution of results and breakdown per region, respectively. Data submitted showed that 37,218 (4.4%) babies had bilateral refer results, 33,363 (4.0%) had unilateral refer and 604,086 (91.6%) had bilateral pass results.

31,383

2023 Bilateral Refer

42,530

2024 Bilateral Refer

37,218

2025 Bilateral Refer

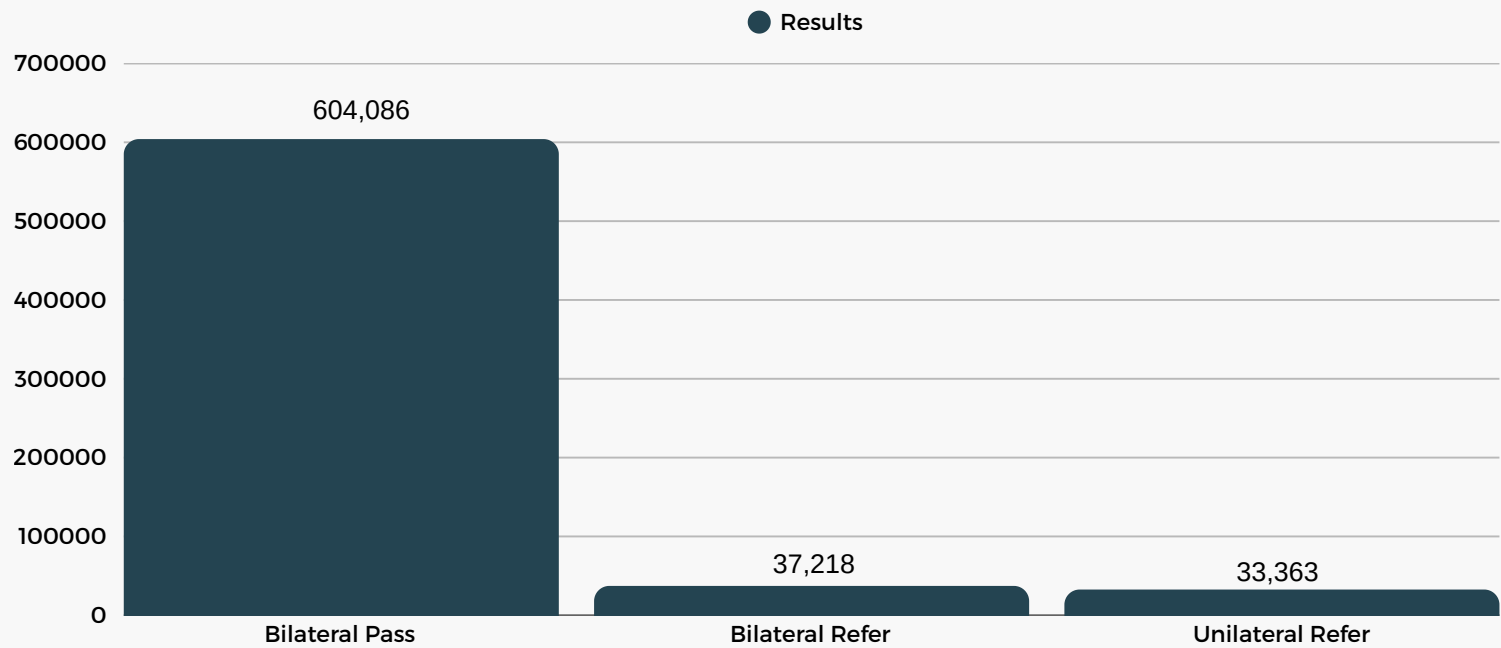


Table 15

SUMMARY OF DATA FROM THE NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING REGISTRY

In 2025, a total of one hundred sixty one (161) patients were identified with total hearing loss.

METHOD	TOTAL
ABR BILATERAL	65
ABR UNILATERAL	25
TOTAL ABR	90
ASSR BILATERAL	56
ASSR UNILATERAL	15
TOTAL ASSR	71
TOTAL HEARING LOSS	161
ABR NORMAL HEARING	83
ASSR NORMAL HEARING	21
GRAND TOTAL	265

Table 16

DEVICE CERTIFICATION

In 2025, the NHSRC certified two (2) additional hearing screening units, bringing the total number of NHSRC-certified devices to 24 (see Table 17). The newly added equipment has been highlighted for easy reference.

24
2025 Certified
Devices

22
2024 Certified
Devices

Certified Hearing Screening Equipment

- Biologic Audx Pro Hearing Screening System 580-AXPBOX-01
- GSI AUDIOscreeener+ OAE Part number 2205-9730 without printer
- INTERACOUSTICS TITAN
- GSI 70 AUTOMATED OAE SCREENER Part # 1770 -9702(Multi-Patient with printer)
- GSI 70 AUTOMATED OAE SCREENER Part # 1770 -9708 (Single patient with printer)
- GSI Corti 1804314, 1804315, 1804316
- GSI – NOVUS
- GSI-Welch Allyn
- Interacoustics OtoRead Screener TE
- Interacoustics OtoRead Screener DP
- MAICO EROSCAN
- MAICO MB11 BERaPhone AABR
- NATUS Echo-Screen

- NEUROSOFT aSCREEN with Mini Thermal Printer POS-5805DD
- NEUROSOFT Audio-Smart with Mini Thermal Printer POS-5805DD
- NATUS Echoscreen III Pro
- Otodynamics Echocheck OAE screener
- Otodynamics Otoport Lite OAE screener
- NATUS MADSEN ACCUSCREEN
- Sentiero Screening
- Sentiero Advanced SOH100360 TEOAE, DPOAE, AABR
- Sentiero Basic SOH100098 TEOAE, DPOAE
- Sentiero Desktop SIP10043
- NATUS MADSEN ALPHA OAE+

Table 17

SUPPORTED PROJECT GRANT

2025 marked the beginning of several projects and initiatives that will enhance the implementation of Newborn Hearing Screening. The following are the project grants in 2025.

DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND TESTING OF A MOBILE APPLICATION OF THE ENNHSR FOR IRON, AND RETINOL INTAKE AMONG PREGNANT WOMEN IN SELECTED NHSRC-ACCREDITED FACILITIES (KALINGA APP)

Primary Investigator: Arturo M. Ongkeko Jr., MSc, RN

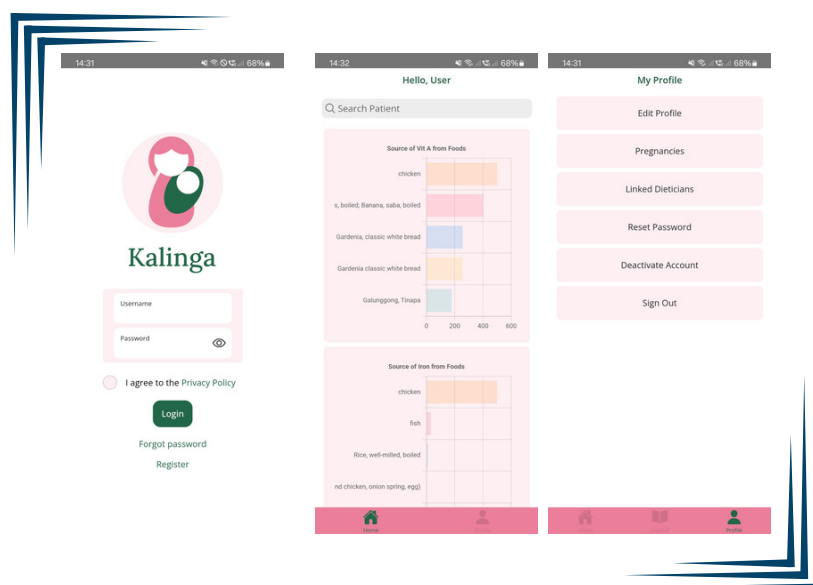
Implementing Institute: UP Manila National Telehealth Center

Fund Amount: 5,000,000.00 PHP

Kalinga App's aim is to be used as a mobile application which can be integrated with the Electronic National Newborn hearing Screening Registry (ENNHSR) to track and improve maternal nutrition during pregnancy. It allows mothers to log their iron and retinol intakes and get validation from registered nutritionists-dietitians (RNDs). The application seeks to contribute to the decision making of mothers for their own health management while making it accessible and layman friendly. Which in turn, supports the mandate of the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening by positively influencing newborn health.

Currently, the application has undergone Beta and User Acceptance Testing. Its module is now incorporated with the ENNHSR system usable for both iOS and Android devices, which includes features such as meal logging, nutrient tracking and real time RND validation.

However, it is not accessible for Android users as there have been approval delays from Google Play Store, where NHSRC plans to have its own developer account to circumvent the issue. Another concern was that only 55% of the beta testers had completed the test and had required extended training sessions to improve participation. Synchronization of data in real time has also been observed, as such, backend processing was done in order to streamline delays.



Amidst these challenges, the application has been successfully launched and named Kalinga Maternal Nutrition Mobile App which can be used by both end users (mothers and healthcare professionals). The application's system architecture was submitted for copyright protection.

Future plans for the app involve addition of telemedicine features such as automated dietary recommendations, newborn health outcomes tracking based on previous maternal records and seek funding opportunities to increase the scale of the project for nationwide coverage.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

NIH-DOH MULTIFACETED PROJECT - PROCUREMENT OF THE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PRINTING OF ELECTRONIC NATIONAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING REGISTRY (ENNHSR) REGISTRY STICKER SEALS, CERTIFICATION FOR CATEGORY C AND D NEWBORN HEARING CENTER PERSONNEL

The NHSRC is dedicated to becoming the leading expert in newborn hearing screening and care in the Philippines by 2028, and it is working on projects to make sure every Filipino newborn can get early hearing checks and full support. The NIH-DOH Multifaceted Project is a key part of this plan, aimed at improving the systems and technology used in the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program.

This project aims to improve important parts of the program, such as getting expert help to print secure stickers for the Electronic National Newborn Hearing Screening Registry and ensuring that staff at Category C and D Newborn Hearing Centers are properly certified. These initiatives aim to enhance nationwide awareness and bridge the communication gap between medical practitioners and parents using reliable digital and traditional data systems.

The photos below were taken during the face-to-face orientation and updates for the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program, held at the Henry Sy Building, University of the Philippines, Manila on November 13, 2025.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

NIH-DOH MULTIFACETED PROJECT - PROCUREMENT OF THE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PRINTING OF ELECTRONIC NATIONAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING REGISTRY (ENNHSR) REGISTRY STICKER SEALS, CERTIFICATION FOR CATEGORY C AND D NEWBORN HEARING CENTER PERSONNEL

The NHSRC is advancing its goal to become the national authority in newborn hearing screening by 2028. Through the NIH-DOH Multifaceted Project, the center is strengthening its infrastructure by standardizing the certification of medical personnel and securing the Electronic National Newborn Hearing Screening Registry (ENNHSR) system. These initiatives aim to improve data reliability and enhance communication between medical practitioners and parents across the Philippines.

The photos below were taken during the face-to-face orientation and updates for the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program, held at the Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center on November 21, 2025.

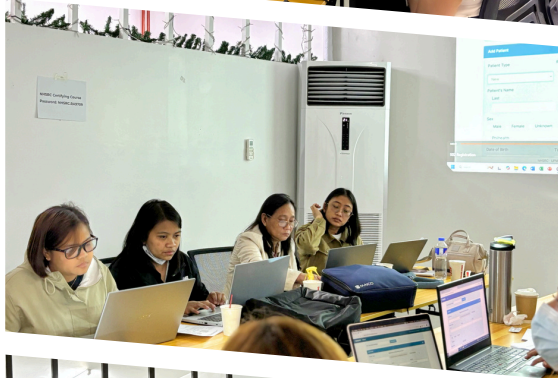


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Supported by the NIH-DOH Multifaceted Project, the NHSRC is strengthening its infrastructure by standardizing medical certification and securing the Electronic National Newborn Hearing Screening Registry (ENNHSR). These efforts improve data reliability and foster better communication between healthcare providers and families nationwide.

Pictured below are highlights from our recent orientation and program update held at the NHSRC Main Office in Ermita, Manila.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

NIH-DOH MULTIFACETED PROJECT - PROCUREMENT OF THE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PRINTING OF ELECTRONIC NATIONAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING REGISTRY (ENNHSR) REGISTRY STICKER SEALS, CERTIFICATION FOR CATEGORY C AND D NEWBORN HEARING CENTER PERSONNEL

Supported by the NIH-DOH Multifaceted Project, the NHSRC is strengthening its infrastructure by standardizing medical certification and securing the Electronic National Newborn Hearing Screening Registry (ENNHSR). These efforts improve data reliability and foster better communication between healthcare providers and families nationwide.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

62ND PHILIPPINE PEDIATRIC SOCIETY ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 62nd Philippine Pediatric Society Annual Convention successfully bridged science, practice, and technology. The NHSRC was thrilled to take part in such a vital conversation, where we connected with peers and explored cutting-edge solutions for pediatric care.

We were also proud to host our 1st Newborn Hearing Screening Certifying Course at Conrad Manila on April 6, 2025.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

PHILIPPINE ACADEMY OF NEUROTOLOGY, OTOTOLOGY, AND RELATED SCIENCES

In a continued commitment to professional growth and excellence, the NHSRC conducted a certification course and strategic updates with PANORS members on May 26, 2025. Held at the Henry Sy Building, University of the Philippines Manila, this initiative further strengthened our collaborative efforts toward elevating standards within the profession.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

2025 BIENNIAL CONVENTION - PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

The Philippine Association of Speech-Language Pathologists (PASP) was thrilled to welcome participants to the 2025 Biennial Convention, held from July 11-14, 2025. With this year's theme, 'RSLP: Sino Tayo? Saan Tayo Patungo? Towards Contextualized and Transformative Practices,' the NHSRC was proud to collaborate with the DOH to successfully conduct a pioneering certification course as part of the post-convention workshops.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

23RD NATIONAL NEWBORN SCREENING CONVENTION

The NHSRC proudly hosted an interactive exhibition at the 23rd National Newborn Screening Convention, held at The Manila Hotel from October 16–17, 2025. Aligned with the convention theme, 'NBS O.P.P.A: Outcomes, Programs, Progress, Advances,' our booth served as a key hub for engaging with stakeholders, sharing program updates, and reinforcing our commitment to national newborn screening initiatives.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

WEBINARS AND CONFERENCES

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FEATURED ENGAGEMENTS

AFP Radio DWDD 1134 kHz Program: Health Camp

Topic: Landscape of Newborn Hearing Screening in the Philippines: Early Detection, Implications, and Developmental Relevance

Speaker: Dr. Rosario R. Ricalde

Date: July 31, 2025

Strategic Value: Utilized traditional broadcast media to reach a broad public audience, emphasizing the social and developmental impact of hearing health.

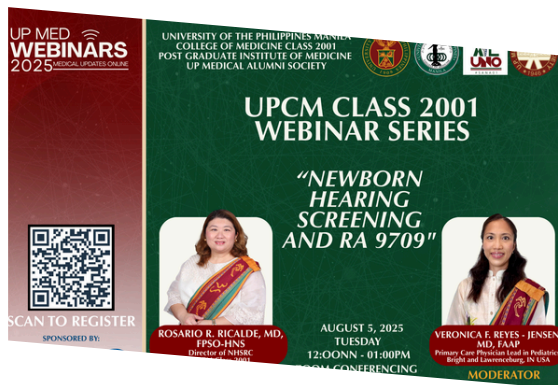


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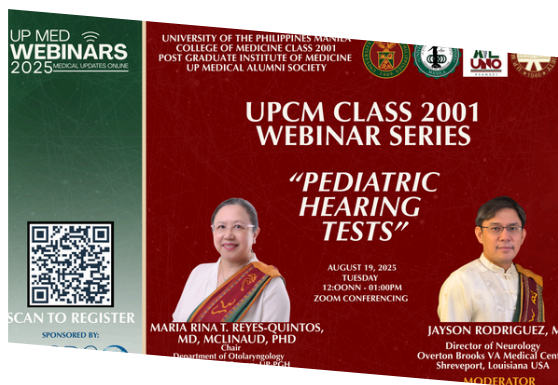
UPCM Class 2001 Webinar Series

Topic: Newborn Hearing Screening and RA 9709

Speaker: Dr. Rosario R. Ricalde

Date: August 5, 2025

Strategic Value: Provided medical practitioners with essential updates on the legal mandates and clinical protocols of the national screening program.



UPCM Class 2001 Webinar Series

Topic: Pediatric Hearing Tests

Speaker: Dr. Maria Rina Reyes-Quintos

Date: August 19, 2025

Strategic Value: Focused on the technical and clinical aspects of pediatric audiology, ensuring healthcare providers are equipped with the knowledge to facilitate timely interventions.

AWARDS

The photos below feature the awards received by the NHSRC for the Individual Performance Commitment and Review (IPCR), Individual Development Plans (IDP), and SALN Submission Compliance.



REGIONAL INITIATIVES

BICOL MEDICAL CENTER (REGION 5)

In 2025, the Newborn Hearing Screening Reference Center – Regional Office V (NHSRC-ROV) significantly advanced hearing healthcare in the Bicol Region through a strategic blend of clinical outreach, facility expansion, and digital innovation. By conducting "Lakbay Serbisyo" missions in Caramoan and Pili, the center provided critical ENT consultations and screenings to over 320 residents while simultaneously strengthening the regional network of Category A facilities, notably increasing Camarines Norte's capacity by 50%. Beyond clinical gains, the center fostered a robust support community by hosting the region's first hearing aid beneficiary reunion, celebrated its 8th Deaf Awareness milestone, and spearheaded public education through creative events like the "Amazing Race Challenge." These efforts—supported by technical staff tutorials, stakeholder alignment seminars at Villa Caceres Hotel, and the launch of a new automation initiative for streamlined data management—culminated in the NHSRC-ROV receiving its third Salud Bikolnon Award and maintaining its elite status as one of only four PhilHealth-accredited providers for the Z Benefit Package for children with hearing impairment.



REGIONAL INITIATIVES

BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

Advancing early childhood health, the MOH-BARMM officially turned over new hearing screening equipment to ten hospitals on December 10, 2025. This vital initiative, supported by the Newborn Hearing Screening Reference Center of the NIH-UP Manila, ensures that infants receive timely diagnostic care to support their long-term development. The program's reach extends to the province of Sulu, where the Sulu Provincial and Maimbung District hospitals were honored to receive these tools, reinforcing a shared commitment to maternal and child welfare.



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